ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

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Westside Salmon Announcement 2 Emergency Order 2

This is the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dillingham with an announcement regarding commercial fishing in the Togiak District. This is Westside salmon announcement number 2 issued Thursday, June 13 at 9:00 a.m.

Commercial fishing has been open in the Togiak District since June 1 following the weekly schedule set forth per 5 AAC 06.320 (a). Periods established by this regulation allow commercial salmon fishing through September 30 and are as follows: (1) fishing is allowed in the Cape Peirce, Matogak, and Osviak Sections from 9 a.m. Monday to 9 a.m. Saturday, (2) fishing is allowed in the Kulukak Section from 9 a.m. Monday to 9 p.m. Wednesday, (3) fishing is allowed in the Togiak River Section from 9 a.m. Monday to 9 a.m. Friday.

Commercial fishing reopens for the week throughout the Togiak District at 9:00 a.m. Monday, June 17. The Togiak River Section will be reduced 48 hours, closing at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 19.

Permit holders are reminded of 3 regulation changes passed at the 2012 Board of Fisheries meeting:

- 1. The boundaries of the Togiak River Section were changed such that the line referred to in 5AAC 06.350 (e) (1) refers to those waters of the Togiak River upstream of a line from 59° 03.33' N. lat., 160° 20.08' W. long., to 59° 03.58' N. lat., 160° 22.60' W. long.
- 2. The Togiak River Section boundary near the Togiak River was **changed for drift gillnet fishing only for the period of June 1 through July 15** (set gillnet permit holder operations are not affected by this change). This new line runs approximately from Togiak Fisheries Inc. to the mouth of the Kurtluk River at 59°03.19' N. lat., 160°20.18' W. long. to 59°01.76' N. lat., 160°28.17' W. long.
- 3. No dual drift gillnet fishing is permitted in Togiak District.

Drift gillnet permit holders are reminded that Blue Cards must be filled out and filed with the department, or completed online, prior to fishing. Blue Cards may be obtained at the Anchorage, King Salmon or Dillingham offices, or downloaded here:

http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareabristolbay.salmon#/management

An updated Togiak District salmon map with coordinates is available here: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/fishing/PDFs/commercial/map_togiak_salmon_districts.pdf

Permit holders are reminded that according to 5 AAC 06.369 mesh size must be 5 and ½ inches or smaller from June 15 to July 15.

Informational updates and announcements are available by calling our recorded message line at 842-5226. This has been the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dillingham.